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HOUSE RESOLUTION 396
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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Representative Larry Scroggs on his meritorious service as a member of the General Assembly.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this Body should recognize those fellow legislators who have performed their elected duties with remarkable dexterity and unprecedented devotion and whose efforts to excel have brought substantial benefits to their respective communities and to this great State; and

WHEREAS, Representative Larry Scroggs's illustrious career in the House of Representatives will come to an end at the adjournment sine die of the 2002 Session of the 102nd General Assembly, as he has announced his retirement from this august Body; and

WHEREAS, Representative Scroggs has for many years been a prominent and highly influential figure in the political, social, and civic lives of Germantown and Shelby County, and he has served his constituents in numerous capacities, always working diligently at his elected duties and expending the necessary effort to understand the opposing sides of complex issues; and

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WHEREAS, in 1996, the good people of the 94th House District first evinced their great faith in the political and governmental capabilities of Larry Scroggs by electing him as their Representative to the General Assembly, a position in which he has now performed admirably during three consecutive General Assemblies; and

WHEREAS, during his illustrious tenure in the House of Representatives, Representative Scroggs has been prominent as a dedicated and well-informed legislator who always votes his conscience; and

WHEREAS, Representative Scroggs is a dynamic and aggressive participant in the legislative process and has earned the respect and admiration of his colleagues for the outstanding contributions to good government he has made as a member of House Conservation and Environment Committee, House Judiciary Committee, and House Children and Family Affairs Committee; and

WHEREAS, a tireless proponent of progress, he has championed his constituents' needs, and his contributions have perpetuated and enhanced the superb quality of life that is enjoyed by the people of his district and indeed, all Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, a gentleman who truly appreciates the responsibilities, as well as the privileges of citizenship, Representative Scroggs has served as a member of many community, civic, and professional organizations, including the Tennessee Bar Association Litigation Section, American Bar Association Tort and Insurance Section and Fidelity and Surety Committee, Harding University Graduate School Advisory Council, Memphis Area Chamber of Commerce, Germantown Kiwanis Club, AGAPE Child and Family Services Board, Shelby County Republican Steering Committee, and the Memphis Bar Association, which he formerly served as Director and as Chairman of the Judicial Evaluation and Recommendations Committee; and

WHEREAS, Larry Scroggs was born on October 8, 1941, in Beebe, Arkansas, and is a graduate of Harding University and Vanderbilt University School of Law; and

WHEREAS, this patriotic American interrupted his studies to serve gallantly from 1963-1967 as a Lieutenant in the United States Navy in Vietnam; he thus holds an exalted position among the many brave men and women who have defended our nation and our freedom throughout American history; and

WHEREAS, Representative Scroggs has earned an unsurpassed reputation for civic concern and inspired leadership, while gaining the respect and admiration of members of both the bar and bench and his clients as a dedicated advocate and accomplished attorney; and

WHEREAS, this sterling reputation was only enhanced during his honorable and astute service as a City Judge of Germantown from 1980-1986; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Representative Scroggs is most appreciative of the love and companionship he shares with his wife and their three children; and

WHEREAS, a devout Christian, he is an active member of the Church of Christ; and

WHEREAS, Representative Scroggs's announcement of his retirement from the General Assembly has greatly disappointed and disconcerted his fellow lawmakers, Democrats and Republicans alike, and his considerable talents and energies will be sorely missed by the good people of House District 94; and

WHEREAS, this Body finds it appropriate to bid farewell to our friend and colleague, Representative Larry Scroggs; now, therefore,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby honor and commend Representative Larry Scroggs on his meritorious service to Tennessee as a member of the General Assembly.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we commend him for his countless contributions and many good works in service of the citizens of Germantown and Shelby County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we extend to him our best wishes for much success and happiness in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation to Representative Scroggs as a token of our esteem.